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**RESUBMISSION OF RESPONSE TO THE FINAL REJECTION DATED
AUGUST 29, 2003 AND INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

APPLICANTS: Bennarsten et al. GROUP ART UNIT: 3761
SERIAL NO.: 09/733,064 EXAMINER: M. Mendoza
FILED: December 11, 2000 CONFIRMATION NO.:2760
TITLE: "A HIGH FREQUENCY OSCILLATOR VENTILATOR"

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By Certificate Of Mailing dated November 25, 2003, Applicants submitted a Response to the Final Rejection dated August 28, 2003, and an Information Disclosure Statement with references and Form 1449. A copy of the stamped return postcard indicating receipt of those documents at the Patent and Trademark Office on November 28, 2003, and a copy of the cancelled check that accompanied the filing of the Information Disclosure Statement, proving processing of that check by the Patent and Trademark Office, are attached hereto as proof of receipt of those originally filed documents at the Patent and Trademark Office.

After several follow-up telephone calls to the Examiner subsequent to the filing of these papers, with no action from the Examiner having been received, the Examiner informed the undersigned counsel for the Applicants on February 18, 2004 that these papers were not present in the Patent and Trademark Office file.

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Accordingly, copies of the above documents are being resubmitted, together with the aforementioned proof of receipt of the original documents at the Patent and Trademark Office. Immediate consideration thereof is respectfully requested, since the end of the six-month period for response is approaching.

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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

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Applicants and their counsel have carefully reviewed the final rejection dated August 29, 2003, but believe the claims in their present form are patentable over the teachings of the reference relied upon by the Examiner. Reconsideration of the application in view of the following arguments in support of patentability is therefore respectfully requested.

R E M A R K S

In the Office Action dated August 29, 2003, claims 1-7 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by United States Patent No. 5,453,951. This rejection was discussed in an interview courteously afforded the undersigned counsel for the Applicants on November 20, 2003, at which the Examiner's supervisor also was present. In view of the arguments discussed at the interview, the Examiner and his supervisor stated that it appeared that continued reliance on the '951 patent as a basis for anticipating claims 1-7 would not be justified, however, the Examiner stated he would reserve making a final judgment upon receipt of a written response.